

## TEXAS COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

### **Request for Applications for Emerging Clean Energy Technologies for the Alternative Fuels Initiatives School Bus Rebate Program of the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts State Energy Conservation Office (RFA# AF-G1-2015)**

#### **Official Responses to Questions from Potential Applicants (October 23, 2015)**

1. Are County Tax supported Community College's *[sic]* eligible?

**RESPONSE: No. Applicant must be a taxpayer-supported Texas ISD.**

2. Are you allowed to apply if we have already purchased the buses? We are in the process of receiving 68 new propane buses. We have received 31 out of the 68.

**RESPONSE: No. Only buses purchased after a rebate application is approved are eligible.**

3. How many applications can we process for one school district? We may possible *[sic]* purchase 45 new units with LPG. Which means we would have to submit 4 Application *[sic]* for 45 units.

**RESPONSE: For each application, an ISD is limited to ten (10) buses with a maximum \$8,000 rebate per bus. An ISD is permitted to submit a maximum of two (2) applications; however, the second application will only be considered if funds remain available after all primary applications have been evaluated. See also, Addendum No. 2.**

4. Am I correct that if our District is intending to purchase a new school bus, this program will cover the additional cost associated with a bus designed to operate on an alternative fuel versus a traditional diesel model? (For example, if the base price of a diesel model is \$100,000 and the LNG model is \$108,000 this program would provide that additional \$8,000.)

**RESPONSE: Yes. Rebate funds may be used for the incremental cost of purchasing new alternative fuel buses.**

5. When submitting our application, do we need to include a contract (similar to the provided sample contract) or will that need to be transmitted to SECO after the grant is awarded?

**RESPONSE: No. If an applicant is selected for a tentative award, a contract similar to the sample contract will be negotiated with the applicant.**

6. The application due date is November 6<sup>th</sup>, not October 30<sup>th</sup>; correct?

**RESPONSE: Yes; applications are due no later than 2:00 p.m. CT on November 6, 2015.**

7. If our District had already made plans to acquire new alternative fuel buses, can we still apply under this program?

**RESPONSE: Yes, as long as the buses have not been ordered. Only buses purchased after a rebate application is approved are eligible.**

8. Is there a limit regarding the number of applications that can be submitted by any single agency?

**RESPONSE: Please see the response to Question No. 3, above.**

9. We have just started a district owned transportation department last July 2, 2015 and purchased an entire fleet of school buses (37) 20 of the 37 are propane buses. Do we qualify for the rebate stated in RFA No. AF-G1-2015?

**RESPONSE: Please see the response to Question No. 2, above.**